

Response to Restriction Requirement

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For: SECRETED SALIVARY ZSIG63 POLYPEPTIDE

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121.

Applicants were requested to elect one of four designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1-8 and 12, drawn to isolated polynucleotides, vectors, hosts and methods of expressing polypeptides, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

II. Claims 9, 11 and 19-20, drawn to polypeptides and fusion proteins, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

III. Claims 13 and 14, drawn to methods of detection modulators, classified in class 436, subclass 69.1.

IV. Claim 15-18, drawn to antibodies and methods of making antibodies, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2003, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 9, 11 and 19-20, drawn to polypeptides and fusion proteins. The remaining claims are withdrawn from the case. However, Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non- elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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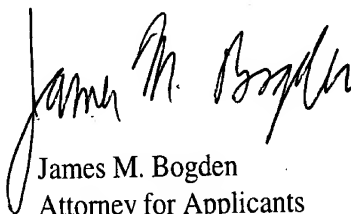
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Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6568.

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